

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 5

1st March 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back for Week Five of Term One. Sometimes its hard to believe how fast time flies. Much has changed for us over the past week with the events in Christchurch.

This time a week ago the people of Christchurch were recovering from the events of the proceeding September where they had experienced significant damage but thankfully no loss of life. Then at 12.51 everything changed.

I have been reading Bert Sutcliffe, the great Otago Cricketer's Biography and in it talks about the famous test held at Ellis Park Johannesburg where he was hit in the head by South African fast bowler Neil Adcock. He had to be taken to hospital after falling unconscious twice.

New Zealand were losing the test so he elected to return to bat again covered in bandages (in the end a towel was taped to his head). When the ninth NZ wicket fell he was joined at the crease by Bob Blair, no one thought Blair would bat because he had been made aware that his fiancé had perished in the Tagawai train disaster only hours before.

The two batted for a long period and when their partnership was finally ended and they were walking off the huge crowd rose to give a standing ovation. Not for the man who had the physical wounds for in a fit young man wounds heal quickly. It was for the other batsman that they stood to applaud, the one who bore the emotional scars and they take much longer to heal.

With these thoughts in mind we remember today at 12.50pm our friends and relatives from Christchurch and know that like the Phoenix they will rise from the ashes.

Have a safe week.
Mike Brosnahan

Mufti Day for Canterbury Earthquake Fund

Thank you to everyone for supporting this, the total so far is \$873.00! Well done.



One minute silence was observed at 12.51pm today.

Welcome to all the new pupils and families to St Mary's School.

Welcome to Room 1: Emmalee Graham, Rhys Farr and Zha'dynya Sutherland.



Welcome to the families from Christchurch to our school: Matt & Kadee Gardiner, Alexander & Timothy Chapman, Mercedes Foster-Beckett, Lilly-Rose Parsons-King, & Caitlin Roy.



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

PTA News ...

PTA Fish n Chip Night this Friday 5.30 –7pm

The PTA welcomes everyone to join them for our annual Fish & Chip night, this is a great way to welcome and meet the new families at our school. St Mary's Hall, 5.30pm onwards, bring all your own food and drinks, sauce etc. After tea games for the children.

PTA AGM

17th March 7pm, Guest speaker is Dave Young who will speak about how we as parents can use computers and technology as teaching tools for our children. Everyone is welcome.

Entertainment Books Are Back!

I hope you have made good use of the present books. In a couple of weeks we will be sending home this year's book—it is larger with many new businesses, so even better value. Same price of \$50. Remember to ask friends and family members if they wish to purchase a book.

Swimming

Entries close soon for the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs. If your child is a possible entry in this event please contact Desiree Crooks phone 489 3369.

Mosgiel Junior Soccer Club Registrations

Registration days for Mosgiel Junior Soccer are:
Wednesday 2nd March 6pm – 8pm
Subs: \$75 for one child, \$120 for 2 children, \$140 for 3 or more; Midgets \$35
Socks Available.

Registrations will take place at the clubrooms at Memorial Park. Eftpos available.

Any questions contact:
Dawn Coates 4891239; Derek Elliott 4891065

Taieri Junior Rugby Club

Registration for 2011 at Peter Johnstone Park Clubrooms.

Sunday 6th March 10-12pm.

Thursday 10th March 6-7.30pm.

Midgets \$15

One Child \$45

Two Children \$75

Three Children \$85

Free Rugby Ball and Mouthguard to all players registering. Socks and shorts available for purchase.

Enquiries: Peter Dyer 489-3229

Looking Ahead Term 1

March

4th PTA Fish & Chip Night, School Hall 5.30pm
9th Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am
10th Board of Trustees Meeting
17th PTA AGM 7pm
21st Anniversary Day—school closed.
1st April-Teachers Only Day—school closed

Congratulations to our Sportspeople who have achieved to a very high level in their chosen sports.

Swimming

On the 20th February I was doing the 50m freestyle at the New Zealand Junior Championships 2011 in Wellington.

I started with warm-up at 7.15am till 8.15am. Everyone had to clear the pool for the competition to start. I waited until 10.03am it was my race. Bang everyone was off, I raced as hard as I could and touched the finish with a big smack. Time of 34.40 seconds. I was so pleased because I had done a 2 second PB and I am the 19th fastest in New Zealand out of 61 competitors in my age group for 50m freestyle.

By Cecilia Crooks

Cricket

Kyle Burns and Tom Hay are both in the Dunedin Metro Cricket Rep Teams.



Altar Servers—Sunday 6th March

Shannon Crooks, Lewis Middleton.

A thought for the week-

After the great display by the Highlanders on Friday night, and the stirring rendition of 'Flower of Scotland' before the game I have as a thought for this week put down the first verse, the words for this emotional Anthem.

"O Flower of Scotland

When will we see

Your like again,

That fought and died for

Your wee bit hill and glen

And stood against him

Proud Edwards army

And sent him homeland

Tae think again".